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Omega, and the following officers were duly installed and presented with the insignia of their office:

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| Allen Henderson . . . . .  | <i>Outer Guard</i> |

Following the installation of the officers, the Arch Master presented to the Master, H. B. Bolton, the charter of Gamma Beta. This event took place at 9 o'clock Pacific time, which was 12 o'clock Eastern Standard time, the traditional hour of midnight when Theta Upsilon Omega came into existence on May 2, 1924. Following the presentation of the charter, the Arch Master, assisted by Brother Drenk, administered the first degree to five pledges. The meeting recessed, to resume at 10:30, when the second and third degrees were administered, all members present taking the degrees with the pledges. The membership certificates were presented, and the Tilicum Club was now a thing of the past, Gamma Beta a reality.

The next day, Wednesday, was spent by the members in showing the campus, of which they are justly proud, to Brothers Stevens and Drenk. At 7 o'clock all of the active and associate members assembled at the Cleft House, a very exclusive hotel in San Francisco, for a formal banquet. Among the speakers were Arch Master Stevens, Brother Drenk, Roland Calder, president of the associate body, and Master Bolton. This affair proved a perfect climax to the ceremonies of the previous evening.

## History of the Tilicum Club

Every fraternity or university club, if it traces its history back to the founding date, will find that its organization was due to the desire of a few independent, self-thinking students to belong to an organization somewhat different in ideals from any already existing. Usually there was one man who was a natural organizer and who was blessed with a few close friends.

The charter members of the Tilicum Club were closely associated in the fall semester of 1913 as students rooming in the same boarding house. With a study room as their meeting place, these few fellow boarders gathered together on many evenings in secret pow-wow and finally perfected an organization, pledging themselves to be governed by the same ideals, constitution, and rules. The Indian name, "Tilicum," was adopted and a charter was obtained from the University on January 1, 1914.

The first few years were spent in building up a solid fraternal spirit among the members, and finally the present house was purchased and furnished. Scholarship was high and Tilicum stood at the head of the fraternity scholarship list many times. With the growth of the club, its scope broadened and campus activities were entered into more freely. As a consequence it was found impossible to maintain the high scholastic standing of the club. However, it has managed to keep above the average and at the same time have representatives in the majority of campus activities.

During the war the active membership fell so low, due to the large number of war enlistments, that it was found necessary to close the house during the fall semester of 1918 and the spring of 1919. This situation was experienced by most of the fraternities on the campus at that time.

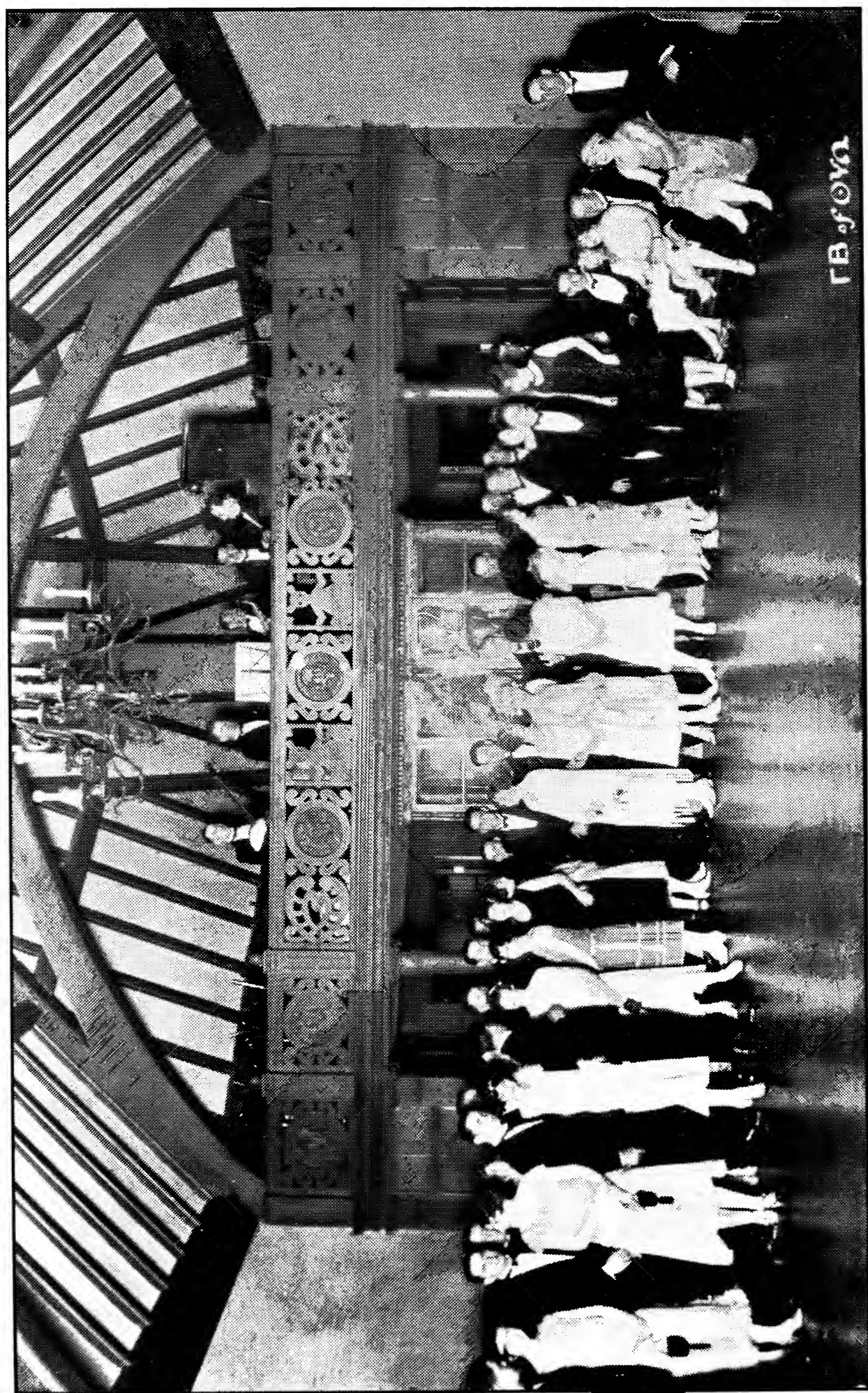
The active membership includes thirty-five members, the associate, 116. There are four representatives on the University faculty.

Propaganda for a new house has been started, and it is hoped that the chapter will soon be able to finance one.

## Gamma Beta's Hope for the Future

The end of the college year at Berkeley is drawing near, and as the curtain closes on the past semester the time comes for Gamma Beta chapter to look forward to the prospects for next fall.

At an institution of over ten thousand students, such as the



FORMAL DANCE GIVEN BY GAMMA BETA CHAPTER, MARCH 20, 1925



University of California, a new organization remains unrecognized until something of special note brings it to the front. T. U. O. is one of the many new fraternity nicknames that sound strange and unfamiliar to an upperclassman or graduate on the campus. To be properly identified, it is necessary to mention "Tilicum Club." We have graduated into the army of national fraternity men, our horizon has been broadened, but the progress will be slower and more difficult because of the larger scope.

Next semester Gamma Beta chapter lays the foundation for the future growth of Theta Upsilon Omega on the coast. Our responsibility is great, since we are the sole representative west of Illinois. The result of next year will establish the fraternity rating of T. U. O. on the campus.

The first and most important event will be the "rushing" season. Prospective pledges in various high schools have already been taken into consideration and everything looks toward a successful year. In years to come Gamma Beta chapter is bound to advance and we hope to make Theta Upsilon Omega stand for the highest and best in fraternity circles.

### Gamma Beta's Associate Chapter

The alumni members of the Tilicum Club have been organized for many years as the Alumni Association of the Tilicum Club. This organization with the Tilicum Club formed the Tilicum Club Corporation, which was incorporated under the laws of the State of California as a social service body February 18, 1920. Upon being initiated into the Tilicum Club, a man became automatically a member of the corporation. This corporation held all property, including the house and its furnishings. A meeting was held at the chapter house once a year, on the evening of the first Monday in April.

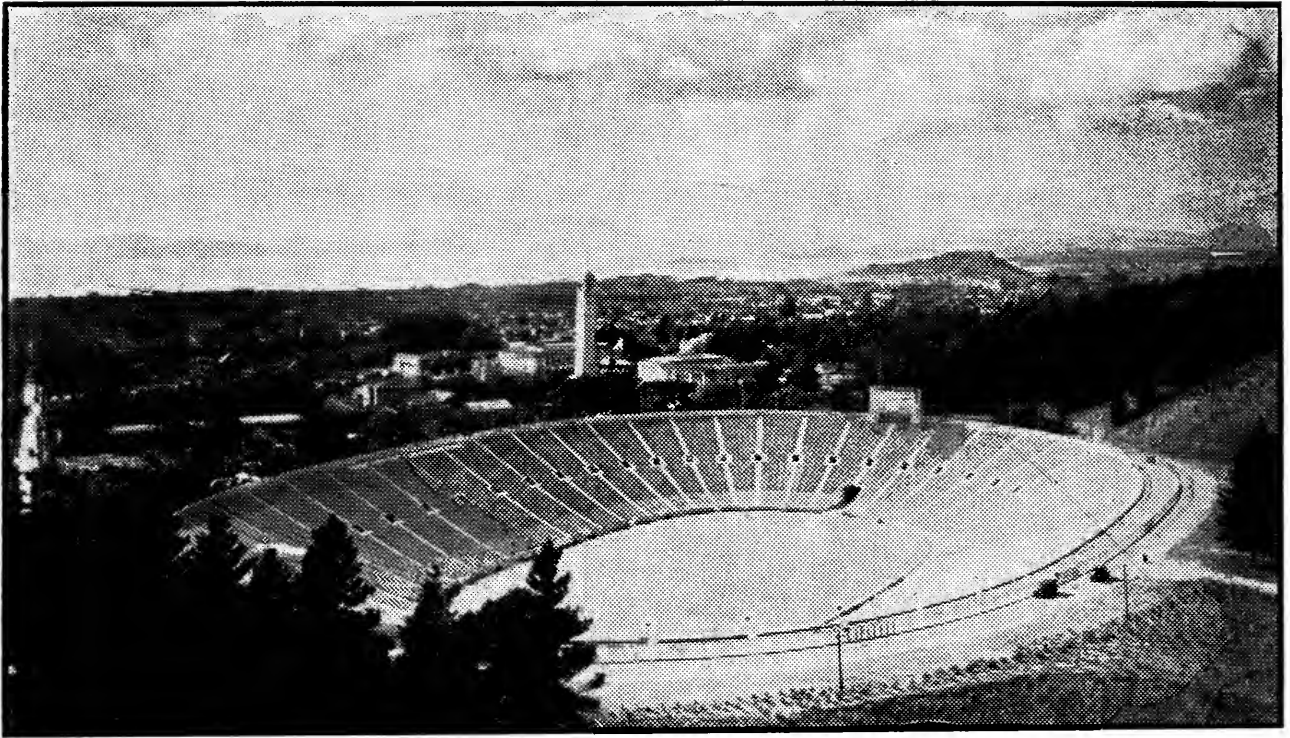
Under the new order of things, the Alumni Association has become an associate chapter of T. U. O., and as such will have a vote at convocations. Roland Calder is the president and B. Barth the secretary. Of the 116 alumni members, all but twenty-four graduated.

Gamma Beta is to be congratulated upon having such a large and enthusiastic body of alumni. It is noteworthy that more than

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## The University of California

The campus of the University of California, situated on the lower slopes of the Berkeley Hills, commands a splendid view over San Francisco Bay and the Golden Gate. Its 530 acres of land include a great variety of topography. From a height of some 200 feet above the sea, the gentler slopes, on which stand most of the University buildings, merge into the bolder slopes of the hills and extend to about 1300 feet elevation. Beyond the campus boundary, and reached by excellent trails, the nearby summits of the hills



THE CAMPUS AS SEEN FROM THE STADIUM

rise to heights of 1700 to 1900 feet above the sea. Around three sides of the campus lies Berkeley, a city of homes, with a population of 80,000. San Francisco is thirty-five minutes' ride from the campus.

The center of student activities on the campus is the Students Union, a splendid building completed in 1923. The basement and mezzanine floors are occupied by the Associated Students' store. The middle wing is devoted to social activities of students and alumni and the first and second floors are arranged as lounging rooms for men and women. California's Memorial Stadium is one of the largest athletic arenas in the country. The seating capacity is 73,000.

The University of California ranks near the highest in the  
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# **Trials of a Freshman at California**

FELTON TURNER, *Gamma Beta*, '28

The University of California, in its fifty-seven years of existence, has built up many interesting traditions regarding the freshmen, on the campus and in the fraternities. The freshmen object to these as a matter of course, but the Campanile and historic old South Hall have seen the protesting freshmen become the tyrannical sophomores upholding campus traditions.

Before appearing on the campus for his "eight o'clock," the Frosh must don his freshman hat, a blue felt head piece with a narrow gold band, the University colors, which assumes all of the dignity of a blue pancake after a semester or so of wear.

No "queening" for the Frosh, for it means the tub at noon if he lingers to talk to any lovely co-ed, and there are plenty of them at California. Cigarettes are taboo for the Frosh around the house and on the campus; the corn cob pipe is his only solace.

Grim and terrible is the fate of the green Frosh who appears on the campus in "cords," for they are held sacred for the upper classmen, while if he dare wear jeans, he will suffer at the hands of the sophomore. High school letters and jewelry must go to the discard as the Frosh enters college, or his hazing by the second year men will be doubly severe.

Hazing is in order for only the first few days of the fall semester, but a thorough job of it is done then. Bay city papers devote columns telling of the freshmen directing traffic on Berkeley streets and proposing to co-eds in public, all to the amusement of onlookers.

At his fraternity the freshman has his weekly work, two hours of it polishing hardwood floors on Saturday morning, along with building fires and sweeping walks during the week.

For any breach of all of this campus "etiquette," the freshman is given dessert early at lunch and told to turn on the water in the tub. And this "Rule of the Tub" is efficient, for one tubbing administered according to the western fashion is plenty for the average freshman.

## With the Yellow Guidons

JEROME W. HOWE, *Beta Alpha*, '09

*Retired Major of Cavalry, U. S. Army*

Many of you have assuredly read Hugo's masterly description of the battle of Waterloo in *Les Miserables*. You were thrilled as you read of the charge of the thirty-five hundred cuirassiers; how the whole army admired their brave array in the morning as they came up with bands playing *Veillons au salut de l'Empire*; how Ney was ordered to put them to the charge and the whole formidable corps of cavalry started, sabers raised and standards flying, to complete the rout of the English; how instead, by decree of the inexorable fate that was to deny to Bonaparte the realization of his over-ambitious dreams, they came upon the sunken road that was to be their grave. One needs not to be a soldier to feel a vicarious glory in the recital of such exploits as have marked the long history of cavalry victories and defeats.

But, some of you demur, all that is history; cavalry has no business in the grim scientific warfare of today. That is a commonly held, but mistaken, notion. Cavalry did not, to be sure, fit in very actively as mounted troops in much of the long-drawn-out trench warfare in France; but in other theatres of the war, scarcely less important, though less familiar to us in America, cavalry played important and even decisive roles. In Russia there were many mounted cavalry encounters. One hardly needs to refer to Palestine—how Lord Allenby drove in the back door of the German defense. It was with cavalry that he did it. With thousands and thousands of mounted men he drove back the Germans and Turks and finally, just before the armistice, surrounded and made prisoners of them all. The story of cavalry is spirited reading, whether one start with Attila and go forwards or with Allenby and go backwards, or with Ney in the middle of the Napoleonic era. However, the cavalry service is more than a matter of history; it is a vital factor in the American army today.

The cavalryman's life is a man's life. Training in a modern cavalry garrison includes instruction in equitation, mounted pistol practice, and training in attacks, both mounted and dismounted. Cavalry training has this advantage over the work of some other branches: it combines to a large extent work and play. Much of



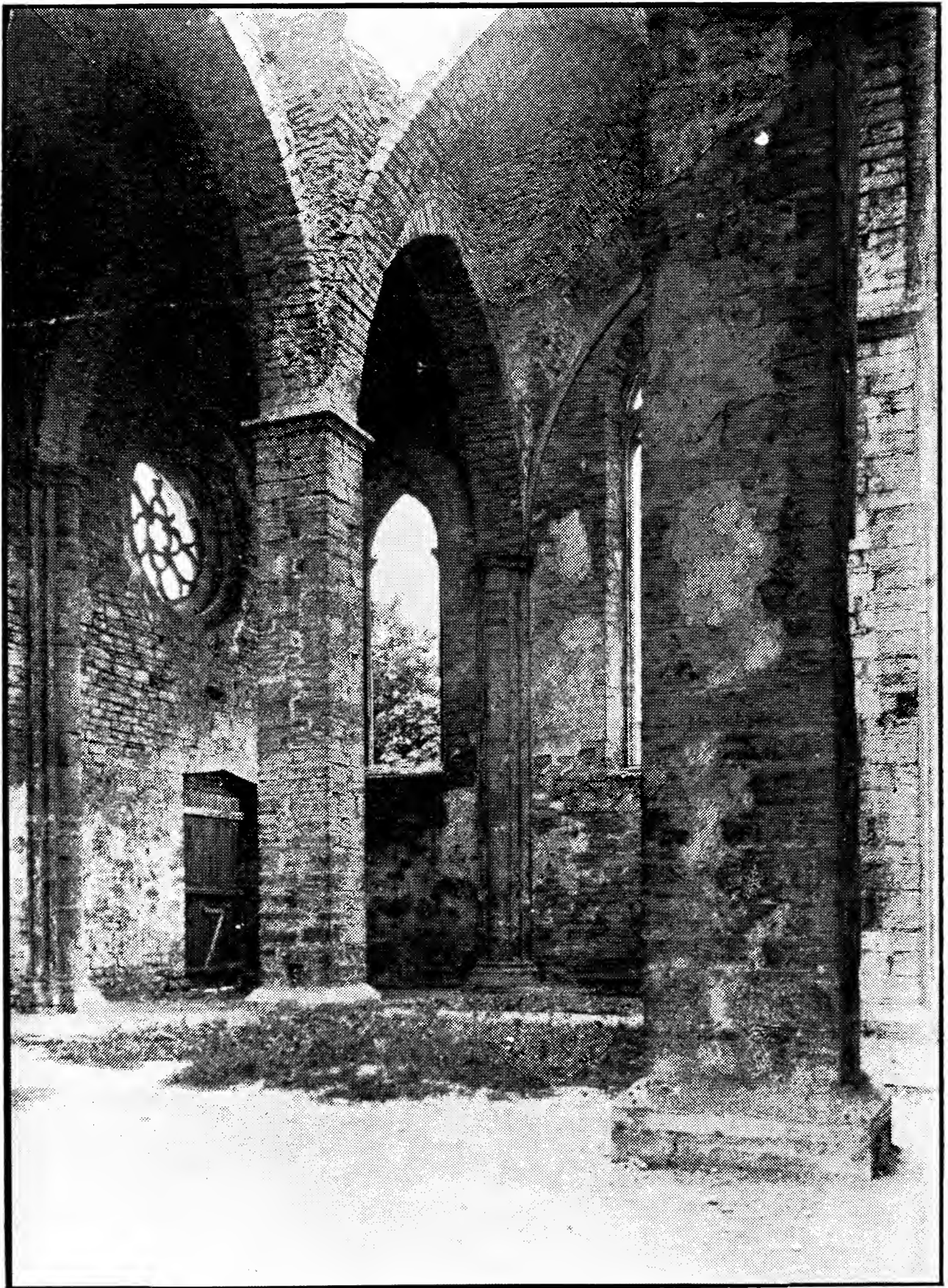
the work may be excellent sport; as, for example, practice in jumping. To a horseman it is a keen pleasure to fly through the air and clear the topmost bar; while the rest of the troop, awaiting their turn, enjoy equally the sight of fine performance or ignominious spill.

In addition to the endless but varied training work, the cavalry of our little regular army generally has other work to do. At the time when I was performing most of my service with troops, the bulk of our cavalry was strung along the Mexican border, patrolling to prevent smuggling and raids. The southwest border has often been a living chain of patrols, each pair or trio or little squad of riders covering its allotted link of a dozen miles or so. But now our neighbor to the south is enjoying peaceful days. There may no longer be any necessity for the ceaseless, vigilant patrolling of the Rio Grande and the monumented line that stretches due west to the Pacific. Instead, our regular cavalry now has as its principal task the training of the citizen components of our new National Army: the National Guard and the Organized Reserves. This is accomplished through the R. O. T. C., the C. M. T. C., and the summer camps of the National Guard.

Thus, in times of peace no less than in times of war, the hard-riding, rigorously trained men of the cavalry are essential to the defense and well-being of a country so extensive as ours.

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*Common sense is genius dressed in its working clothes.*—EMERSON.



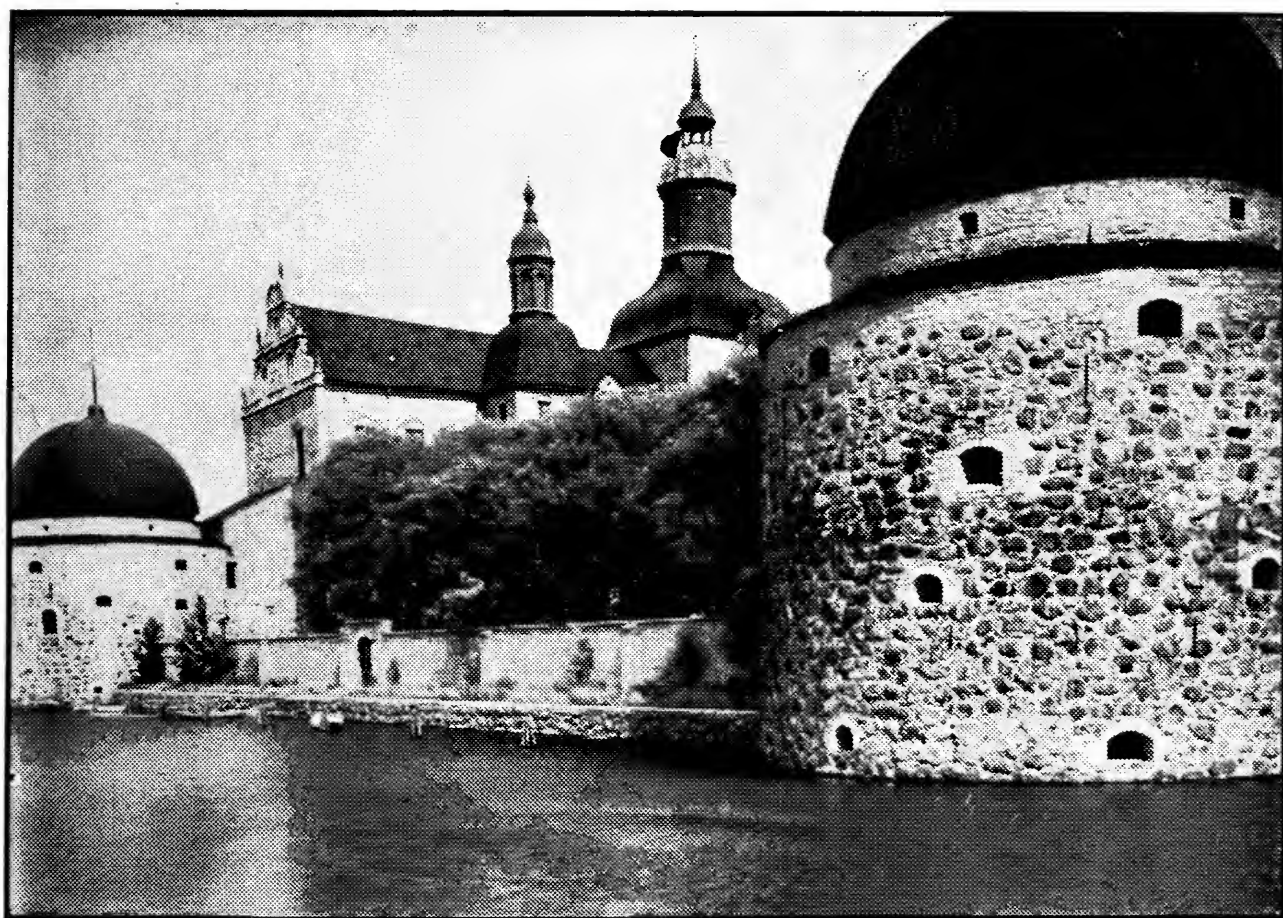
A RUINED ABBEY, SWEDEN

## *In the Land of Sunlit Nights*

By K. D. J.

During the summer of 1924 the writer took a vacation trip to Europe, certainly not in itself an unusual undertaking. However, the trip included a tour of the Scandinavian countries, which are off the beaten path of American travellers in Europe. It is to tell a little of the charm of these countries, as well as to urge those brothers who contemplate a vacation abroad to include the north of Europe in their plans, that these words are written.

The Scandinavian peninsula has an ideal summer climate. Lying



OLD CASTLE AT VADSTENA, SWEDEN

as it does partially within the Arctic Circle, there is almost no darkness on summer nights, even in the southern provinces. The days are warm and sunny, the twilit nights cool. The inhabitants, who are shut in by the extreme cold during so many months of the year, enjoy to the utmost the few weeks of glorious outdoor weather which comes in July and August. From Midsummer's Day, June twenty-fourth, until September, the parks and summer resorts are thronged. In the larger cities are many sidewalk and terrace cafes



where one may sip coffee (or something stronger) while a nearby band plays the waltzes of Strauss and white-sailed boats ply up and down the canals which thread the cities like streets.

In the rural districts it is possible to motor for miles over excellent roads through endless pine forests, camping at night on the shore of some tiny lake, with no irate farmer coming out, gun in hand, to chase the campers from his domain.

Travel by boat is very common, for either short or long distances.



ROMANTIC KALMAR CASTLE  
From the 13TH CENTURY

One of the most famous pleasure trips is from Gothenburg to Stockholm on the Göta Canal, which is really a series of canals, lakes and rivers, forming a waterway two hundred forty miles long across Sweden. The three-day trip is made by boats as beautifully appointed as a private yacht, each carrying about forty passengers,



most of whom are Germans, English, and Americans. The boats pass through many series of locks, rising to a height of three hundred feet and then descending again to sea level. It is possible to leave the ship while it is passing through some of these locks and stroll along the banks of the canal, visiting old castles, ruined abbeys and quaint little villages.

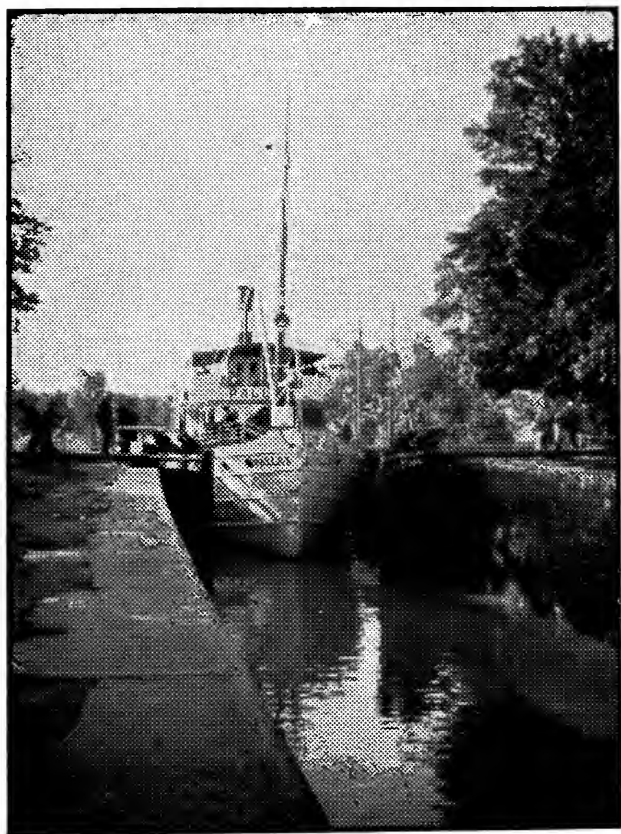
A trip by rail which is almost as well known as the Gothenburg-Stockholm waterway, is over the railroad from Bergen to Oslo, former Kristiania. The train goes up and down and around dizzy curves, winding through the mountains, many of them snow-capped the year round. From an engineering standpoint, the problems which the builders of this railroad had to solve are very interesting, but to a layman the trip is enjoyable as a beautiful and breath-taking experience.

Accommodations for the traveller are excellent throughout the countries of Norway, Sweden, and Denmark. The hotels are clean, commodious and reasonable, and the trains are much better than those in America; not that they travel faster, for they do not, but the compartment arrangement of the coaches permits great privacy and comfort. In a sleeping car, for example, one has an entire compartment, much like a stateroom on a ship, instead of a mere section of shelf in which to undress, sleep, and then dress oneself again somehow. Some trains carry dining cars, others stop long enough for meals at the really excellent station restaurants, not to be confused with our railway lunch counters, for there is no comparison. The Swedes like good food, whether they are at home or travelling, and they certainly have it.

No one who has ever visited Sweden can forget the *smörgasbord* ( a collection of appetizers served, like *hors d'oeuvres*, at the beginning of a meal), the French pastry, which rivals that in Paris, and the many rich and delicious foods which are as agreeable to American tastes as to Scandinavian.

This good food is an advantage not to be minimized, but perhaps the best feature of travel in Scandinavia, especially in Sweden, is the character of the people themselves. They are courteous, honest, and hospitable. They are very unlikely to take advantage of your

ignorance of their monetary system to overcharge you. Since



The "PALLAS" emerging from one of the locks. The gates are just swinging open. By means of these locks the vessel is raised 91.5 meters and lowered the same amount during the passage from Stockholm to Gothenburg.

English and German are required subjects in their schools, you will always find someone, even in the most outlying districts, to understand you. Train crews and hotel employees speak perfect English. We were very much impressed with their hospitality on a motor trip through the picturesque lake region of Dalecarlia. We stopped occasionally to buy coffee and cakes or a drink of milk. In places which make a business of catering to travellers, we were charged only a few cents; in homes our money was refused. Their great concern seems to be that we American travellers should take back with us a favorable impression and a happy memory of their country.

## Making the Freshmen Work

R. T. MERWIN, *Zeta Alpha*, '26

The methods of the paddle, the pillow-slip, and the resultant hazing party as a means of making freshmen work around the house do not always produce the desired results. Fraternities are gradually learning in these days of child psychology, that the old adage, "Spare the rod and spoil the child," is a wise-crack that is becoming antiquated.

When we were young, and Dad got out the strap, advancing toward us with a stern countenance, we knew what to expect. The little warming party that we spent with him in the wood-shed did not always have the effect that Dad desired. We used to "holler and cry" as if we were "most dreadfully hurt" and consequently the application of the hand-strap ceased because Dad wondered if he were punishing his boy too severely. So we learned that, if we played up to it and pretended great hurt, our punishment would be lightened considerably. To sum it up, we, in turn, played upon Dad's paternal feelings and he, God bless him, let love weaken the strength of his hand.

On hazing parties, this same weakening of our paddle strength often prohibits us from giving the number of paddle strokes to which we have sentenced the victim. Freshmen soon learn that if they groan loud enough, the punishment lessens in its severity. Of course, we need not mention one probable cause for the mournful howls—the sudden growth of painful boils that freshmen, about to be paddled, seem miraculously to acquire.

But "kids do come to college," and often they need to be trained in the ways of college men, just as colts, after a wild, free life in the pasture, need to be broken to harness. Not that freshmen need to be broken in spirit in order to make them into good fraternity material; not that their lives need consist of daily "don'ts" in order to make them behave; nor that they need to be paddled in order to make them do their share of house work. On the contrary, freshmen should be treated as men. We ought always to be kind, considerate, helpful, and encouraging to our younger brethren, setting them an example of enterprising industry, respect for our Alma Mater, and love for our fraternity.

Yet, sometimes, the kindest treatment in the world will not

suffice to make a freshman do the customary work around the house. In every freshman group, there are some of a boastfully independent spirit, who refuse to do their allotted work. They are the ones whom, often, we punish with paddling. But paddling does not always make them work. What, then, can we do?

One fraternity overcomes the difficulty very nicely by setting a definite number of required hours that each freshman must work in order to be initiated into the fraternity. It works very well, too. Freshmen, knowing that they will be debarred from becoming active members if they do not assume their share of cutting the lawn, sweeping the sidewalk, trimming shrubbery, and giving the house a thorough cleaning by sweeping, scrubbing, washing windows, waxing the floors, etc., soon learn that the work must be done.

In the case of the fraternity mentioned, a minimum of 70 hours of work is required of each freshman pledge. A record of the time he works is kept by the chairman of the house committee, who reports occasionally to the executive council regarding the progress of the work done by the pledge. Initiations into active membership are not allowed in the particular fraternity where this method is used until the freshman has completed his first year of college work and has secured the necessary credits. Thus, the periods of work are so arranged, throughout the year, that no freshman can work off his 70 hours before June, when initiations are held. Time, of course, is not counted for weekly house duty, such as answering the telephone, going for mail, emptying ash trays, etc., for these are smaller matters that usually every freshman does willingly.

Such a system is fair to the prospective member, for it sets before him a goal that he must attain and encourages him to prepare himself for the greater responsibilities of an active man. It gives him an incentive to work willingly. He is taught that the active men, before his time, have likewise "been through the mill." Thus, he works with better grace. As for the freshman who balks under such conditions, he is, generally, not worth his trouble. His case is settled, sooner or later, by a withdrawal of his pledge membership.

This method of making the freshman work is psychological, for it seeks, not to lay emphasis on work as a necessary evil, but to



impress him with a wholesome respect for his fraternity by leading him to see that his work is to his credit. Incidentally, it removes from him the fear of paddling and from the ears of active men, the terrifying groans of mental anguish that only freshmen can emit.

The old adage should read, "Spare the child and burn the rod."

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half of them were present at the installation, although many live at a considerable distance from Berkeley. They were interested participants in every feature of the installation, and signified both in formal addresses and in informal conversation that they are pleased with the step taken by the Tilicum Club, and that they will back T. U. O. in the work of establishing itself on the Pacific coast.

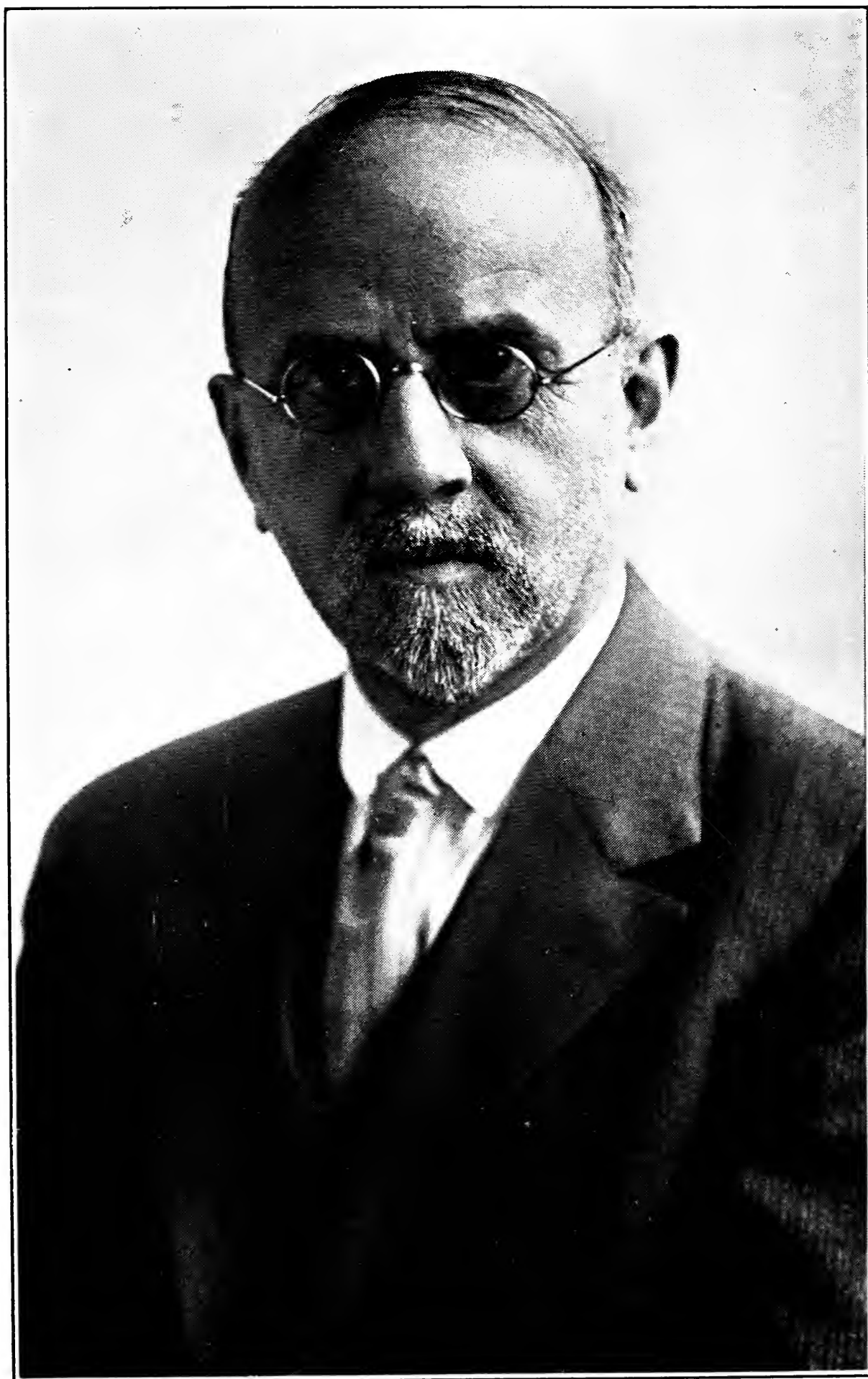
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### **The University of California**

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United States in the number of students in attendance. Approximately 17,500 students were in attendance at the University during 1924. The University maintains a Southern Branch in Los Angeles. During 1924 there were 8,353 students in attendance there.

Its greatest athletic contests are with the University of Washington, Stanford University, and the University of Southern California. Athletic relations which were broken off with the University of Southern California have just been resumed this semester.



*Dr. T. E. Oliver*

## Dr. Thomas E. Oliver

Dr. Thomas E. Oliver, better known to the boys of Delta Alpha as "Tommy," is one of our most distinguished members, yet one of the most democratic. At the University of Illinois, where he is a professor in the department of Romance Languages, he is one of the most popular and interesting members of the faculty. His love for occasional fun making has endeared him to all of his students.

Brother Oliver has a family history so interesting that we shall present it in as detailed a form as it has been given to us. His ancestry is English, the first Oliver to come over being Thomas Oliver, surgeon of Bristol, England, who came in the ship *Lion* with his wife, Ann, and eight children, landing at Boston June 5, 1632. From this ancestor comes his descent through Andrew Oliver and Peter Oliver, who were Tories of pre-Revolutionary days. His paternal grandfather was treasurer of Massachusetts during the Civil War, under the administration of Governor Andrew. He was quite a hymn writer, his best known hymn being "Federal Street," found in most church hymnals. Brother Oliver's father, a colonel and a brevetted brigadier general, was severely wounded at Antietam in 1862, but returned to the Union service, remaining until the end of the war. The Olivers have always gone to Harvard. Brother Oliver is the thirty-third graduate of *that name* in direct descent from the first, John Oliver, of the class of 1645.

On his mother's side, Dr. Oliver is a descendant of the Pepperrills, one of whom was William Pepperrill, who captured Louisburg from the French in 1745, for which service he was knighted. Both of Brother Oliver's grandfathers were adjutant generals of Massachusetts and commanders of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company.

Brother Oliver's career has been no less colorful than that of his ancestors. Born in Salem, Massachusetts, December 16, 1871, he obtained his A.B., *magna cum laude*, from Harvard in 1893. He attended Harvard Medical School, 1893-1894, the University of Leipsig, 1894-1895, and the University of Heidelberg, 1895-1899. He obtained the degrees of A.M. and Ph.D., *magna cum laude*, in 1899 from Heidelberg. He also studied at the Collège de France, Ecole des Hautes Etudes, and the Sorbonne, Paris, 1897-1898. Dur-

ing his student days he cycled Switzerland, France, England, Germany, and Belgium.

Dr. Oliver was an instructor in French at the University of Michigan, 1899-1900, and instructor, later Assistant Professor of Romance Languages, in the College for Women, Western Reserve University, Cleveland, 1900-1903. From 1903 to the present time he has been Professor of Romance Languages at the University of Illinois, and at various times chairman of the department of Romance Languages of that institution.

In June, 1904, Prof. Oliver married Miss Elizabeth Reinhardt of Strassbourg, Alsace, at Cleveland, Ohio, and spent the summer of that year in Finland. He visited Finland again in 1910, finishing his sabbatical year, 1910-1911, in Germany, France, England, and Switzerland. His last trip abroad was during the war as a member of the Commission for Relief in Belgium in 1915-1916. For these services he was awarded the Médaille du Roi Albert, the Medal of the Comité National of Belgium, the Gold Medal of the Comité National de Secours et d'Alimentation, and the bronze medal which Herbert C. Hoover presented to each of his colleagues of the Commission for Relief in Belgium.

Dr. Oliver is a member of the Modern Language Association of America (life member); the American Association of University Professors; the National Federation of Modern Language Teachers; Société Amicale Gaston Paris; Corda Fratres; Association of Cosmopolitan Clubs, of which he was general secretary, 1915-1917, and national president, 1924-1926; the Faculty Players' Club (charter member); Phi Beta Kappa, Harvard 1893; Theta Upsilon Omega (charter member); Unitarian Laymen's League; Harvard Club of Eastern Illinois, of which he is president, 1924-25; trustee for several terms of the Unitarian Church of Urbana, Illinois; trustee of the Cosmopolitan Club at the University of Illinois; and a director of the Commission for Relief in Belgium Educational Foundation.

Who's Who lists him as the author of a thesis on Jacques Milet's drama, "La Destruction de Troie la Grant," and the editor of the following works: Michel Jean Sedaine, "Le Philosophe sans le sçavoir (variorum edition), 1913; Molière's "Le Bourgeois Gentilhomme," 1914; Sedaine's "Le Philosophe sans le savoir" (college



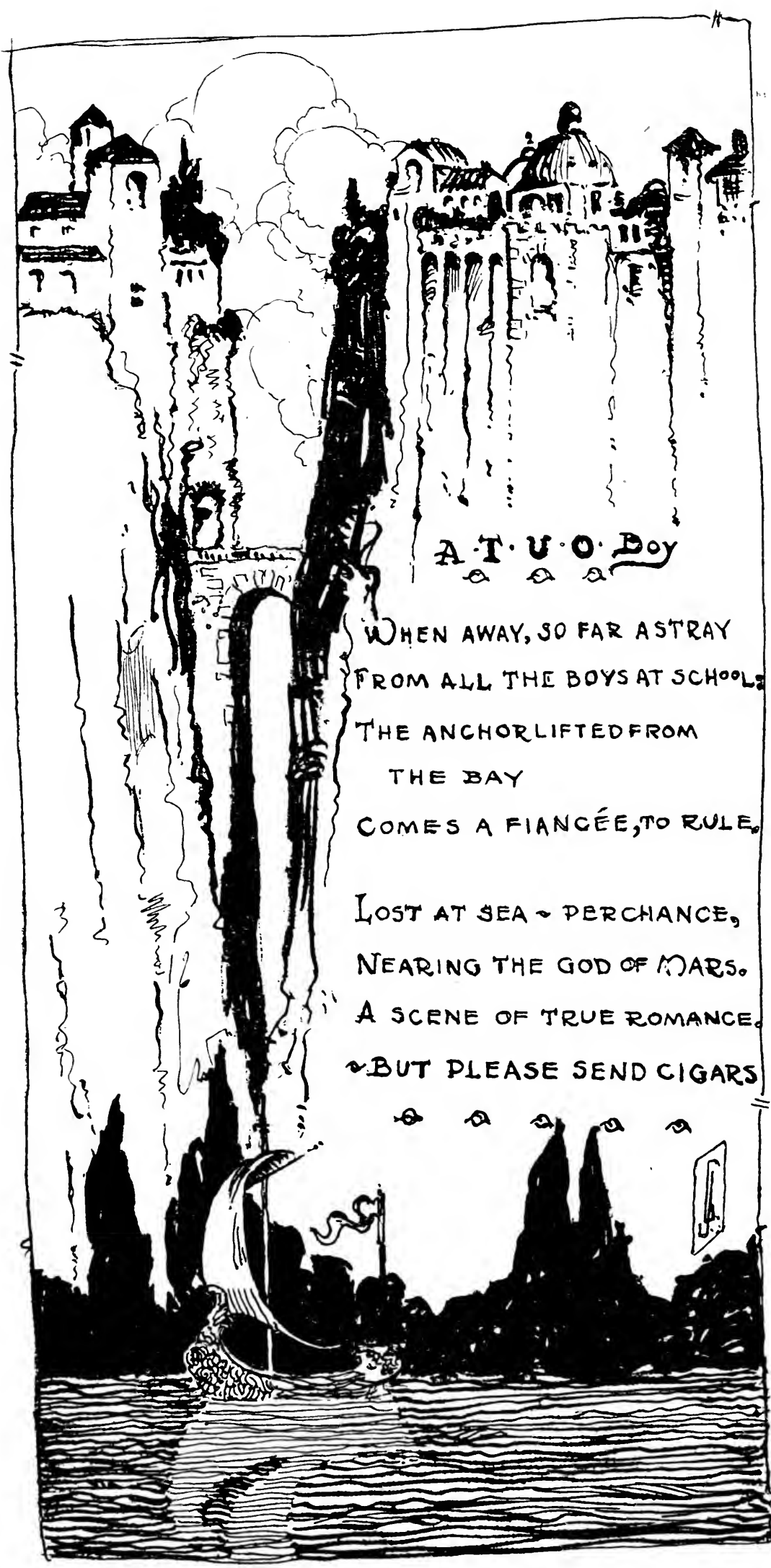
edition), 1914; "Suggestions and References for Modern Language Teachers," 1914 and 1917; Voltaire's "Mérope," 1925; and associate editor of the Modern Language Journal, 1920-1923. He is an occasional contributor to philological journals, and is now at work upon a college edition of Molière's "Le Misanthrope," which Henry Holt and Company will publish in 1926.

Perhaps Brother Oliver's most valuable characteristic, viewing him now as a man rather than as a scholar, is his eagerness to remain youthful by associating with youth. One cannot imagine him ever becoming a gloomy old man. Surely only one with the spirit of youth in his heart could enter so whole-heartedly into the acting of plays, which has been Brother Oliver's avocational hobby for many years. As we have mentioned above, he is a charter member of the Players' Club at the University of Illinois, and since 1906 has had rôles in seventeen productions of that society. These parts have increased in importance with the years, and in "Grumpy," produced in January of this year, he played the lead.

In 1922 Dr. Oliver was initiated into the Zeus Fraternity, now Delta Alpha of Theta Upsilon Omega. He is as faithful in attendance at business meetings of the chapter as at its social affairs, at which he is the leader of the merry-making. He is a permanent member of an advisory committee which concerns itself with the operation of chapter affairs and has shown himself at all times deeply interested and willing to give help and advice.

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*All progress, all success, springs from thinking.*—THOMAS EDISON.



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WHEN AWAY, SO FAR ASTRAY  
FROM ALL THE BOYS AT SCHOOL,  
THE ANCHOR LIFTED FROM  
THE BAY  
COMES A FIANCÉE, TO RULE,  
LOST AT SEA ~ PERCHANCE,  
NEARING THE GOD OF MARS.  
A SCENE OF TRUE ROMANCE.  
~ BUT PLEASE SEND CIGARS



## What College Did to Willie

FREDERICK WIERK, *Gamma Alpha*, '23

Our Hero will be recognized generally by most Readers; if you know him, don't give him away.

He was born when they sunk the Maine, thus proving that calamities may also be coincidences. Boyhood, for Willie, was One Round of Playful Pranks, such as Cutting-Off the Cat's Tail, Putting the Tack on Teacher's Seat, Stealing the Jam, and Setting Tie-Tacs on the Irate Parson's Window-Pane. After having gone through the Motions, Symptoms, and incidentally the Cures peculiar to Childish Fretfulness, Willie was soon found in the High-School Period of Life, though nobody has ever determined what was so High about it.

As a High School Stude, Willie learned to Toss the Cubist's Marbles, Drive a Cut-Away Flivver, Smoke Cigarettes, and talk both Latin and Obscene. He was Secretly the Idol of the Youngsters; and Admittedly a Pest to the Teachers. Being very busy figuring out how to Clean up the Mortgage, his Dad gave but scant Attention to the Disciplining of Willie, and Silently Prayed that the Kid should not become too Well-Known by the P. D. The Local Sewing-Circle referred to the Playful-One as a Bad Boy, with whom their Ambrose, Archibald, Cuthbert, and Horace were not to be Associated.

At about the time when he was to be Graduated, Willie's Technic had Improved, and his Idea of a Good Joke was to cut the Town's Power Line on a busy Saturday Night around Nine O'Clock. His Pals Got quite a Kick out of it when he Dumped two Barrels of the Greek Ice-Cream Man's best Strawberry Dye into the Town Well; and also later, when he Borrowed Without Permission, the Mayor's Official Sedan, only to have a Telegraph Pole Project itself Unceremoniously into the Trajectory of the Moving Mass.

Having successfully Disposed of the Mortgage, Dad began to Direct Attention to his Heir and Suddenly realized that the Jr. could not be safely Let Loose in the Birthplace; and Decided to Use what had previously been Interest Money, toward the College Education of Willie. Now this just Tickled Willie Pink, for had he not read about the Infamous Goings-On at College Frats, and had

he not heard the College Drinking-Songs when the Glee-Club of Blah-Blah College gave a Concert at the M. E. Church a few Years Back. Petting Parties, All-Night Dances, Joy-Rides and the Prospect of being a Bookmaker at Football Fracases Fixed to Aid the Bettors, were All Alluring Attractions for Willie.

During the First Month away from the Scenes of Childhood, Willie's Mental Decisions were reversed by the Evidence. He learned that, in order to get any Breakfast At All, he would have to Rise much Earlier than his Home Life had required. In Class, he found that the Profs were not the Educated Dopes he had imagined, and those who wore Horn-Rimmed Goggles did so on account of Poor Vision rather than as a Mark of Erudition; In Fact, Some of them were even Good Scouts, Stooping occasionally to Wise-Crack. All the Rules, in and around the College, he soon learned, were Taken Seriously. He had to Unlearn so many Pre-conceived Notions that he shortly felt Empty like a Conch Shell upon a Parlor Whatnot.

It was in respect to the Social Side of College Life that Willie's Long-Cherished Fancies most thoroughly exploded. Volstead had previously Exterminated the Rathskeller and a Slim Allowance did not Justify a Speaking Acquaintance with the Speakeasy. It appeared that Willie was not going to be Troubled with Bar Rail Instep, generally known as Reversed Fallen Arches. Crap shooting was not as Profitable as of Yore, Because a Few of the College Boys were Experts, and as the Pots were Bigger than in the High School Games, Willie quickly learned that This was not a Profitable way to obtain the Wherewithal for the Purchase of Bootleg. Willie must be given Credit for Knowing when to Lay Off.

He noticed that Shortly after Seven each Evening, Green-Shaded Study Lamps began to Twinkle from the Windows about the Campus, and continued thus to Shine until Midnight, or thereabouts. As Dad had Unknowingly, yet Fortunately, selected a Place which was not Co-Ed, there were No Frails to Upset the Scheme of Things, and soon Willie's Pep, having no other Outlet, was being Exercised alongside of his Shielded Rochester Burner. Without Realizing it, Willie became Full of the Idea that he might as well Do Things. Anything, in fact, which might Elevate his Status upon the Campus. Forthwith did the Mental Revolution Proceed.

Without relating the Harrowing Details, we'll outline Willie's



Attributes as and when he Graduated. Being no Dumb-Bell, he was the Second-Highest of his Class, First Place having gone to a Greasy Grind. Willie might have been First, at that, if he hadn't Frittered away his time on so Many Other Things. He had held Class Offices for Four Years, and was Pres. of his Senior Class. The Debating Society claimed him as the Best Pres. they had ever had since the Big Wind. The Success of the Weekly Paper had been due to his Untiring Efforts as Bus. Mgr. As a Freshman he was Head Cheer-Leader; and as a Junior, Capt. of the Football Team; thus making the proverbial "Jack," of All-Trades Fame, appear as One Stuck in the Rut. Having a Hard-Boiled Streak, he was made Colonel in the Military Unit, and once, in Spare Time, he Dug up Some Antiques, and wrote a History of his College.

Of Course, our Hero was elected to a Fraternity, and Successively and Successfully held every Office which had been created to Keep the Work Distributed. When he was first Detailed to Wash the Windows, he did too Good a Job, and they made him House Mgr. very soon. Strangely, he Made It Pay, and later when he became Pres. it is said that he was Hard on the Frivolous Frosh. At the House he instituted a Curfew, and Successfully introduced a Ban upon Smoking and Loud-Talking during the Study-Hour which he had previously Legislated. Anyone Caught playing Childish Pranks at the House was Publicly Reprimanded and they say he Caught 'Em All. A Lad telling a Questionable Joke at the Table was Denied the Privileges, and the Boys had to exchange Salesmen's Stories between Classes.

Five Years Ago he Graduated, and We Admit he Did Well, considering.

He is now Ass't Cashier in the 2nd Nat. Bank in his Home Town, is Married, and is Right Now Figuring how to send his Three Youngsters thru College.

MORAL: YOU NEVER CAN TELL.



# EDITORIAL



## *Function of a College Fraternity*

The whole basis upon which a fraternity is to be developed is to be sought in our conception of the fundamental function of such an organization. The function of a national fraternity cannot be expressed mathematically as the sum of the functions of the member chapters, but it might be said to be proportional to such a sum. The question then arises as to what the function of a chapter of a fraternity really is. It has been said before that a college fraternity serves as "a home away from home." As such, it must continue the work of the homes from which its members are derived. It is in duty bound to see that the influences with which it surrounds its members are essentially right influences. The fraternity as a local college institution, however, goes but a part of the way if it is satisfied with providing a merely non-vicious atmosphere. The larger part of its aim should be to provide the stimuli which make for growth in character and all-round positive development. This will readily be seen to be the wise course for a chapter to pursue, for in strengthening its members, it provides new life and vigor for itself, thereby increasing its own influence for good upon its sister chapters.

The practical details of a plan for putting these abstractions into concrete form will vary with the conditions in the several cases involved as well as with the vision and initiative of the individuals with whom lies the responsibility for directing the policies of the chapters concerned, but the plan is of less import than the end to be achieved, namely, making the fraternity group a home circle worthy of the name.

A college furnishes the opportunities and the facilities for gaining additional education to those who are fortunate enough to be able to make use of what is available. We may differentiate, if we choose, between the education obtainable in the classroom or through the study of books and the training which may be acquired

elsewhere on the campus. The advantage derived by an individual depends on two factors: his object in attending college, and the amount of work he does. The chapter should interest itself in each of these factors.

Where the objects sought are not entirely proper or are not precisely definite in the minds of the seekers, the fraternity influence should be such as to clarify and direct. If the chapter does not direct its members in the right paths, its members will presently direct it in the wrong.

The chapter should be interested in the amount of progress its members make along the lines which it believes to be right. In this connection, it should be observed that amount of work and rate of work are by no means synonymous terms; time plays the determining role. Nominally, a day is composed of twenty-four hours, but an effective working day will scarcely amount to a third of that figure. A chapter should insist that its members realize the value of time, for it is this single element which often accounts for success or failure in a given case. Every chapter should evolve a workable plan for supervising the time of its members to the extent that constitutes a rational day's work. By assisting in maintaining a proper ratio between the amounts of effort expended by its members along the various legitimate lines of college activity and by insisting that the effort be sustained for a proper amount of time, the chapter can justify its existence; by doing less than that, the chapter will fall short of its full measure of successful service to its members and of growth for itself.

### *Progress*

The conception involved in the word progress is one easy to misinterpret, and a measure of advancement correspondingly difficult to establish. This difficulty becomes somewhat less, however, when once we fix in our minds the exact nature of the goal toward which we are, or should be, directing our course. The ideal of strength is, without doubt, paramount in the thought of most of us. Does strength necessarily depend on size? A little reflection will force a conclusion in the negative. Strength and bulk are neither mutually inclusive nor mutually exclusive; they are practically independent, neither being a prerequisite of the other.

We have definitely committed ourselves to a policy of moderate

expansion by the recent granting of two new charters. We welcome our new collaborators warmly and congratulate ourselves on these accessions. The necessity of making an increase in strength and solidarity which shall be commensurate with the increase in bulk may well now be re-emphasized.

Progress along this line is less easily perceived and has, in the nature of things, to be felt rather than observed. Three elements of the problem may readily be distinguished. It is trite to say that a chain is no stronger than its weakest link, but being a commonplace, it is no less an important truth. Strong chapters may not, uncoördinated, form a strong fraternity, just as the aggregate of a number of "grandstand" players may not be equivalent to a strong athletic team. It is, nevertheless, important that each chapter make of itself, first of all, a strong unit. Where the will to do so exists, this problem is essentially solved: where it does not exist, it must be inculcated by example and by education.

The second aspect of our task is somewhat more formidable, but even more imperative of solution; namely, the establishment of close harmony through constant contacts between chapters. The measure of our success in acquiring and maintaining a perfect understanding of the conditions under which each of our sister chapters is working is, to a considerable degree, the measure of our comprehension of and interest in the true significance of the association which we have formed. The Interfraternity Conference has recognized the sincerity of our motives and has declared its belief in the probability of our ultimate success by granting us membership in the grade to which we are eligible. This declaration does not imply that we have arrived, but simply that we are on the right road; it should serve as a stimulus to greatly increased effort.

The third phase of the problem is, for the most part, subsidiary to the second, and involves the effective use of the Arch Chapter as a medium for welding our member chapters into a coherent organization. It is admittedly difficult for twelve groups, previously independent, to adjust themselves readily to the new order of things, but it is well for each to realize that confiding a portion of its work to the Alpha Chapter does not constitute a surrendering of any vital part of its independence of thought and action. The Arch Chapter is primarily an agency for advancing our common interests



in the fraternity world, and secondarily a source of authority for directing the advance along uniform lines. Uniformity is, to a certain degree, desirable and even necessary for the avoidance of confusion which, unchecked, is chaos. Let it be the aim of chapter officers, particularly, to see that responsibilities toward the central organization are discharged promptly and cheerfully. Let each chapter strive to be a leader by precept, advice, and example in making the Alpha Chapter an effective agency for good.

Those chapters which as yet have no associate organization are to be most strongly urged to set about forming such auxiliaries without delay. A chapter which does not organize its associate members not only sacrifices one-half its potential vote at convocations, but it forfeits a large part of the help it might otherwise be able to expect from its loyal associates through their united efforts. The cumulative experience of the older members is incalculable and should be made to yield large dividends.

Our Second Convocation has shown us that much can be accomplished and that much is left to do; what will the third show?

### *Teaching Manners*

There comes a time in the life of almost every man when he must don an evening suit or a dinner coat and step out into polite society. Perhaps he is elected to some public office, or it may be only a dinner with the board of directors of his concern, but in any case it is to his advantage to appear at ease in formal attire. Only a few of us are given the opportunity to learn during college days all of the rules of etiquette that we will some day be called upon to know and use. It is true that men go to school to gain knowledge and to learn how to apply it to make money or a name for themselves in the future. But have they gained all the things worth while if, upon completion of college, they find it necessary to appear in public or at social affairs where a man is judged by his appearance and actions, and they are unable to be at their best because they are ill at ease in formal dress, or awkward and tactless in meeting people? There have been occasions in the lives of most of us when, to have known the right thing to say or to have had the assurance

that our clothes and appearance were irreproachably correct, would have been of inestimable value.

The following are a few of the rules that have been tried out successfully in one of our chapters:

The importance of a firm hand clasp when being introduced to a guest should be impressed upon every member and pledge. First impressions are usually lasting ones, a truism which applies more to one visiting a group than to a member.

All members and pledges should be in the presence of a guest until he leaves.

At dinner, every member should be dressed as he would be were he dining out. This rule should be observed by all chapters alike to avoid embarrassment for any visiting brother.

Manners at the table often need improvement. Weekly criticism of table manners should be made by a man designated by the chapter master. Questions of etiquette should be discussed by the chapter as a whole, and in case of disagreement some reliable authority consulted.

Each house should encourage the man going to his first formal function. Many helpful pointers can be given to the shy first-timer. Before formal occasions given by the chapter, upper classmen may rehearse with freshmen how to introduce their partners to others, how to perform a new dance step, etc. The man going to his first social affair of this sort needs plenty of help, as many of us can bear witness.

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*Education begins the gentleman, but reading, good company, and reflection must finish him.—LOCKE.*

## Chapter Publications

Reprinted from *The Laurel of Phi Kappa Tau*

The average chapter publication bears the brunt of a great deal of comment and criticism from other chapters and from the national fraternity. Usually it is less than half that it deserves. This office believes that many Phi Tau chapter publications are, in the main, a waste of energy and of sorely needed money.

In the beginning, the average publication wastes much space in the early issues of each year eulogizing the men who have accepted the pledge button of their chapter. These characterizations are usually couched in college slang. "Big Boy," says one chapter, "sure is the hottest berries with the campus frails." Another chapter speaks of a pledge as "pawing a wicked mitt on the catgut." Still another is a "sure-fire Phi Bet rushee."

Disregarding the execrable taste of such slang in print, we believe it to be an entirely wrong principle to inform the alumni, year after year, that your chapter has pledged the best group of men on the campus and then to spreadeagle each man. Your alumnus is no novice. He recognizes the usual line and discounts it as such. The freshman has his way to make, his merits yet to prove. He cannot stand being touted. If he is, in nine cases out of ten his future usefulness to his chapter is either impaired or altogether destroyed. Give him tacit encouragement and there let it stop.

Another glaring feature of the average publication is its tendency toward punning. Obviously, no one outside the resident council will understand the pun, and yet the only *raison d'être* of the chapter publication is its alumni circulation. Such being the case, why devote any space to material which will be unintelligible to anyone outside of the "house."

Chronicle your progress in activities, in scholarship, whether it be favorable or otherwise, and in athletics. Above all, devote just as much space as possible to alumni notes. Your distant alumnus of several years standing has completely lost acquaintance with all the men of the residence council. His interest is very largely concerned with the doings of the brothers of his own college days. Supply him with this and you will have established the greatest single bond which can hold his interest in his fraternity.

Finally, never fail to discuss the more important happenings on the campus. Few alumni subscribe to the college paper after

graduation and they are eager for any scrap of information about the old school which they can get. New buildings, important faculty changes, innovations in the curriculum—these things mean far more to the alumnus than to be told that the inhabitants of a certain study room call themselves the Bulls or the Bears or the Unicorns.

The *Omegean* does not have the correct addresses of the men listed below. Anyone possessing this information will do a favor by communicating it to Leo W. Geisler, 507 River Terrace, Hoboken, N. J.

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| Charles B. Adams    | H. E. McGill         |
| P. H. Anderson      | Ralph C. McKelvey    |
| E. F. Arnold        | Calvin Bruce McRae   |
| Gordon J. Bennet    | C. D. Maddy          |
| W. Blazer           | E. V. Martin         |
| Jean Patrick Booth  | J. R. Maxey          |
| H. C. Brown         | J. N. Miles          |
| C. F. Campbell      | Hugh Miller          |
| B. F. Chapin        | P. C. Mirick         |
| R. T. Cole          | A. H. Mollenhauer    |
| P. T. Coxe          | L. R. Moone          |
| S. A. Craig         | F. R. Moore          |
| H. C. Cummings      | J. N. Moore          |
| C. R. Davidson      | William E. Moore     |
| G. L. Dietz         | William A. Paisley   |
| W. T. Donath        | Albert B. Parker     |
| M. E. Dorns         | C. A. Peterson       |
| Thomas Lyton Fraser | E. P. Peterson       |
| C. A. Fulkman       | W. R. Phillips       |
| G. M. Garmany       | W. T. Pierce         |
| E. P. Guerin        | R. E. Pope           |
| C. Hallenbach       | D. Purrington        |
| John Hamilton       | Edgar W. Rabenold    |
| P. L. M. Harvey     | Andrew Carl Rice     |
| G. B. Hebard        | J. C. Rolfe          |
| P. G. Hooper        | Harry F. Roye        |
| Alexander A. Howell | C. Schmidt           |
| F. F. Hutchings     | J. McLeod Smith      |
| D. D. Jacobus       | A. C. Soule,         |
| A. B. Juvenal       | Claude C. Spaulding  |
| H. Kennedy          | E. O. Strong         |
| Henry R. Kraybill   | Frederick W. Whiting |
| John A. Lesh        | Winfred D. Wilkinson |
| T. C. Lininger      | J. F. Williams       |
| W. T. Livermore     | C. B. Wilson         |
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# CHAPTER NEWS

EDITOR'S NOTE:—*All chapter letters must henceforth be sent so as to reach Associate Editor J. F. W. Howell, 1844 North Sixteenth Street, Philadelphia, on or before the fifteenth day of the month preceding date of issue, or they will not be published.*

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## Beta Alpha

Beta Alpha Chapter held its first annual banquet at the Warren Hotel on February 22 in connection with the Delta Tau convocation banquet. A large number of the associates were present and a general good time was enjoyed by all. Brother Len Howell presided over the convocation meeting, which was held in the morning. Many plans for future improvements were discussed.

At the banquet, Brothers R. C. Jordan, A. E. Englund and Malcolm Quinby announced their engagements by passing the smokes. Brother R. H. Martin announced the birth of a son and gave us another round of cigars.

Brother Ralph Whitmore acted as toastmaster and introduced the speakers for the occasion. Master R. C. Jordan spoke briefly on "The First Year as a National," mentioning the advantages we have realized and presenting many ideas by which we could improve during the coming year. Brother Cowden gave an interesting talk on "The Progress of T. U. O." Professor Knight gave us a lot of light on "The Omegan and the Deltaurian." and, incidentally, did quite a stroke of advertising. A most impressive bit of advice was given by Brother Howell when he gave "A Word to Freshmen." One of our newly initiated, Brother Durbin, gave his "Impressions of Fraternities." Following this a flashlight picture of the assembled group was taken.

Beta Alpha wishes to announce the founding of a new inner organization. Several of the brothers, suspecting that the house

was equipped with steam heat instead of hot water, attempted to let the air out of a radiator. Such radiator functioned, emitting a stream of water that thoroughly soaked the ceiling beneath. The event formed the occasion of the foundation of the "Plumbers." Any brother qualifying by committing a dumb act is automatically nominated for this worthy order. If any other chapter wishes to organize an affiliated club, communicate with Brother L. W. Lewis of Beta Alpha.

The interfraternity dance, held on March 20, was heartily supported by the brothers.

Beta Alpha watches the coming baseball season with eager eyes. Brother R. C. Jordan is manager this season and Brother Johnson is out for assistant manager.

At a recent meeting of the Tech News Association, Brother "Brownie" Browning was elected junior editor.

Brother "Ted" Lewis, who is varsity center on the football team, has been elected assistant manager of basketball for the coming season.

Brother "Cy" Hardy was a very active member of the junior prom committee.

Brother Foote and Pledge Brother Duquenne from the Theta Alpha chapter were visitors over the week-end of March 29.

The most enjoyable event of the year was the annual house party held over the week-end of April 17, which fell during the annual "Tech Week." During the week-end the annual Tech show was presented at the Worcester Theater and the junior prom was held at the Bancroft Hotel ballroom. Representatives of practically all the girls' colleges of New England were present. A large number of the brothers attended and the event was voted the greatest of the year.

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### Gamma Alpha

On Monday evening, April 13, the Stevens Varsity Show was presented in the grand ballroom of the Hotel Astor, New York City. The show, a two-act musical comedy entitled "Who's Hugh," was

one of the best ever produced by the college dramatic club. Gamma Alpha is especially proud of this fact because so many of the brothers were connected with its production. Brother Geisler and Brother Lewis attended to the duties of production and program managers, respectively. Brother Lewis was assisted in his work by Brothers Hourigan and Chaillet. Brother Ludwig, assisted by Brother Walsh, successfully discharged the duties of cast manager. Brothers Hall and Purcell attended to the lighting of the production. Pledge Brother Nichols scored a big hit with his specialty dances.

Brothers Hall, Swinburne, Hourigan, Walsh and Esher are practicing faithfully with the lacrosse squad. Brother Purcell is a candidate for assistant manager of the team.

The seniors at Stevens have been keeping a daily count of the days remaining until commencement. On Saturday, March 21, with fifty-seven more days to go, a Heinz parade was held. All of the seniors took part, each carrying some article which represented a member of the "fifty-seven varieties."

The next important social event at Gamma Alpha will be the annual dance, to be held at Castle Stevens on May 29.

Initiations were held at Gamma Alpha April 15 to 22. Those initiated were John A. Kellner, Frederick N. Esher and William K. Caughey.

Brother Felter has been elected a member of the Calculus Cremation committee and will see that the bugbear calculus is well roasted.

The present officers of Gamma Alpha are: Master, James Swinburne; Marshal, Earl Zabriskie; Scribe, Gerald N. Purcell; Recorder, Thomas L. Hall; Herald, Irving D. Felter; Chaplain, Frederick Sutton, Jr.; Steward, Robert Steeneck.

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### Delta Alpha

Delta Alpha held its spring dance at the Champaign Country club on March 27. Nearly fifty couples attended the affair. Brothers Wanner and Webb were in charge.

Now that the warm weather has descended upon us, the boys

take their gloves and bats and, going over to the park, practice daily for the coming intermural baseball championship. The boys claim that they are going to take the scalps of all their opponents this year.

Professor and Mrs. W. B. Nevens entertained the Delta Alpha chapter at a dinner in their home on April 16. The boys reported a wonderful meal. Most of them ate more than politeness dictates.

Brother Earl D. Hensler, '25, has announced his engagement to Miss Dorothy Torman of Decatur, Ill.

Delta Alpha is well represented on the *Siren* staff. Brother H. F. Hughes, '25, is business manager; Brother R. B. Webb, '27, is circulation manager, and Brother R. B. Patch, '28, is on the art staff.

Brother C. C. Braun, '27, is on the staff of the *Arch Year Book*.

Brother W. N. Smith, '27, is on the staff of the *Illinois Agriculturalist*.

Brother H. F. Hughes, '25, is a member of Beta Gamma Sigma, Alpha Delta Sigma, Delta Sigma Pi, Adelphic, Tri-Alpha, Pi Delta Epsilon, and the Illini Chamber of Commerce.

Brother R. T. Battey, '27, is a member of Phi Delta Gamma and Adelphic.

Brothers C. E. Mason, '25, F. W. Copp, '25, and C. C. Braun, '27, are members of Theta Tau.

Brother T. K. Hull, '26, is a member of Adelphic, Intercollegiate Flying club, and a recruit of Scabbard and Blade.

Brother E. H. Olmstead, '26, is a member of Scabbard and Blade.

Brother E. D. Hensler, '25, is a member of Intercollegiate Flying club, Scabbard and Blade, and Square and Compass.

Brother W. K. Wanner, '25, is a member of Beta Gamma Sigma, Scabbard and Blade, and Illini Chamber of Commerce.

Brother C. B. Bussey, '26, is a member of Sigma Delta Sigma and Delta Theta Epsilon.

Brother R. B. Webb, '27, is a pledge to Pi Delta Epsilon.

Brother M. E. Potter, '26, is a pledge to Delta Theta Epsilon.

Brother Slimmer and Brother W. N. Smith each added a cup to the collection on the mantel. "Slim" won the heavyweight intramural wrestling championship and "Wen" won his cup in judging cattle.

The present officers of Delta Alpha chapter are: Master, M. E. Potter; Marshal, R. E. Lee; Recorder, P. C. Smith; Scribe, B. Pruden; Herald, R. B. Webb; Chaplain, T. K. Hull; Steward, E. H. Olmstead.

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### **Epsilon Alpha**

Epsilon Alpha held its annual dinner dance at McAllister's ballroom on Friday, March 13. Professor William H. Whitaker acted as toastmaster. Professor S. J. Steiner and Brothers Leypold, Mease, McFarland and Rittenhouse were the principal speakers.

On May 2, the second anniversary of the installation of Epsilon Alpha, seven pledges will be entertained by the active men during the afternoon. In the evening these men will be taken into active membership. They are Pledge Brothers Vincent Pearce, Joseph Bolton, Raymond Berkley, Henry Kistler, John Adams, Alston Adams and Edward Ames.

Epsilon Alpha represented T. U. O. at the interfraternity ball held at the Bellevue-Stratford hotel on May 1. Paul Specht's Melodians provided the music.

An Interfraternity Council was recently formed at Temple. Representatives from twelve national fraternities met early in March and later, at an interfraternity smoker, elected officers. Brother J. Allan Weiser of the local chapter of T. U. O. was elected treasurer.

Mother's Day will be observed by Epsilon Alpha on May 10. Invitations have been sent out to the parents of the active men to spend that day as the guests of the fraternity.

Spring finds a number of new men living at the chapter house. The newcomers are Brother B. F. Best and Pledge Brothers Joseph Bolton, Edward Ames and John Adams.



Brother John F. W. Howell recently transferred his membership from the Zeta Alpha chapter to the Epsilon Alpha chapter.

The following officers were recently elected, to take office on April 30: Master, Charles R. Mease; Marshal, J. Allan Weiser; Recorder, Clinton Cranmer; Scribe, D. Leroy Robbins; Chaplain, John F. W. Howell; Herald, J. Leroy Vosburg; Inner Guard, Foster June; Outer Guard, John R. Wahl.

The chapter house will be open the entire summer to accommodate those brothers who are obliged to remain in the city.

The following men were visitors at Epsilon Alpha recently: Pledge Brother Byrd of Iota Alpha, Brothers Baer and Fryer of Iota Alpha, Brother Pohl of Eta Alpha, and Brothers Halleran and Harvey of Zeta Alpha.

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#### **Zeta Alpha**

No letter received.

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#### **Eta Alpha**

No letter received.

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#### **Theta Alpha**

Athletics are claiming a lot of the time and attention of the brothers. Brother Drew is a first string pitcher on the varsity nine. Brothers Chandler, Stimson and Duquenne are fighting for places on the freshman nine.

Brothers Pettee, McClaron, Farrar, Al French, Chauncey French, Perry and Gulliver are track candidates.

Theta Alpha is represented on the varsity tennis squad by Brothers Pearson, Whitehead and Foote.

According to all the advance dope, Theta Alpha should win the interfraternity baseball cup this year. Last year we placed second.

All the old players are back this year, in addition to several promising freshmen.

The big "noise" in Theta Alpha for the winter term was the publication of our first chapter paper, the *Theta Alphan*. We believe it is a long step forward in the problem of keeping our alumni in close touch with the active chapter. Copies were sent to all the chapters of T. U. O. Many alumni have written back to the house expressing their appreciation. We included a picture, unmounted, of the house and the "bunch" to each of the alumni. Each fall term, after the rushing season, we shall send out with the *Theta Alphan* a picture of the group, so the alumni can see the new brothers.

Plans are under way for the house party to be held the last part of May. A week-end affair is benignly arranged at the Harrisonian Manor in Nashua, N. H.

Brother Frederick Whitehead, '26, has announced his engagement to Miss Evelyn Bidwell, '26.

Brothers Morse and Toone were obliged to leave school on account of illness. They are now well on the road to recovery.

Brothers Wallace Sawyer and Oscar Pearson have been in charge of the improvement of the Theta Alpha grounds. The grass is making an early start and the bare spots have been reseeded. The shrubbery that was set out two years ago is doing splendidly.

Brother Ted Frazzell owns a wreck on four wheels which he calls an automobile. Recently he went to the city of Dover and, looking for a place to park his "wreck," saw a sign marked "Safety Zone." He parked there. Later when he was trying to explain himself at the police station he said he was looking for a safe place to stable "Wildfire" and thought a safety zone would be a good place.

The officers of Theta Alpha for the coming year are: Master, Wallace Ware; Marshal, Albert Hoag; Recorder, Warren Greene; Scribe, Waldo Young; Herald, Haydn Pearson; House Manager, Roswell Evans; Chaplain, Loyd Simpson; Inner Guard, Ronald Sherburne; Outer Guard, Norman Marston.

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### Iota Alpha

No letter received.

### Kappa Alpha

During the Easter holidays the Kappa Alpha brothers were active. At that time the junior class was in charge of the affair known as the Junior Speaking. While in reality it is a junior prom, the name "Junior Speaking" is given to it because of the fact that one of the features of the event is a series of orations by six juniors, previously chosen in a contest. Brother J. M. Appleby took second place and Brother Milton third. Brother Appleby was also a member of the Junior Speaking committee and did splendid work for the success of the event.

Each year the junior class gets out a humorous publication. This year it was known as "Sanity Rare." Brothers O'Connor and Milton were literary contributors and Brother A. K. Harris did most of the art work. Brothers O'Connor and W. W. Smith also had some art work in the magazine.

Brothers R. S. Lowrance and W. W. Purdy took part in the musical end of the Junior Week program.

Brother Appleby is a member of the Student Council for the coming year.

Brothers Appleby and Milton were appointed to the Y. M. C. A. cabinet. Brother Appleby will handle the boys' department and Brother Milton will have charge of the Self Help department.

Brother O'Connor was one of four men on the Davidson campus to obtain a bid to Sigma Epsilon.

Brother P. M. Patterson is a charter member and vice-president of the Biology club recently organized on the campus. Brother Appleby is also a member.

Brothers Patterson and Appleby recently represented the science department of Davidson College at a state-wide meeting of all colleges held at Raleigh, N. C. Brother Patterson represented the biology department and Brother Appleby the chemistry department.

Brother Purdy will act in the capacity of professor of Spanish and musical director next year at McCallie School, Chattanooga, Tenn., considered one of the outstanding prep schools of the south.

Brother Patterson has been honored with a fellowship at the University of North Carolina, where he will next year assist in the biological department while doing work for his master's degree.

Professor A. V. Goldiere is completing his work on a thesis for his master's degree, which he expects to attain within a short time. He is contemplating a trip to Europe this year and, at the request of several Davidson students, will probably head a party of six who will tour Europe for several months.

Brother P. R. Maulden and Pledge Brother C. E. Edgar are playing splendid ball for the freshman nine. Brother Maulden is a star pitcher who has already won his "D. C." monogram in football and basketball. Brother Edgar is a catcher who is making good.

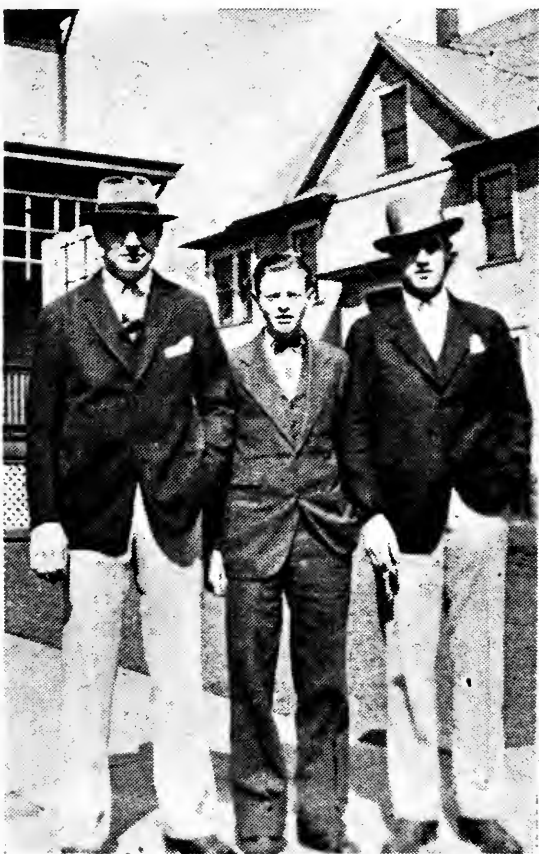
The new officers of Kappa Alpha chapter were elected Tuesday night, April 21, and will take office on May 2. They are: Master, W. E. Milton; Marshal, P. R. Maulden; Scribe, R. S. Lowrance; Recorder, R. F. Thompson; Herald, A. B. Claytor; Chaplain, J. M. Appleby; Steward, R. M. Menzies.

### Lambda Alpha

On Saturday night, April 11, the chapter assembled to honor Brother William R. Goldstrohm, known to the gang as "Goldie," at an informal smoker. "Goldie" is a three-letter man, having won his "W" four years in football and basketball and three years in baseball. He has been captain a year and acting captain a year in both football and basketball. Lambda Alpha certainly hates to lose its "fighting Dutchman" this spring.

Marshall Walter Wilkinson has intrusted his pin to Miss Dorothy Wise, of Butler, Pennsylvania, and Brother Daniel Fegert has given his pin into the possession of Miss Ruth Thompson of Parnassus, Pennsylvania.

Lambda Alpha held its Annual Alumni Banquet in the Fort Pitt Hotel on March 27, with about



LAMBDA ALPHA CONTRASTS  
D. FEGERT                      W. WILKINSON  
P. GIBSON

fifty members present. Eight more alumni came into T. U. O.. It was decided to buy a new house. A fund was started, the articles of agreement signed with the owner, and next fall Lambda Alpha will be in its new home.

Halden Williams of Carnegie, Pennsylvania, has been pledged by Lambda Alpha Chapter. He is a member of the freshman class and a varsity debater.

Brother Boyles was elected President of the College Y. M. C. A. Brothers Willkinson, Rose, and Anderson are on the Cabinet.

Brother Sands, '27, has been elected football captain for next year.



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Brothers Riggle and Gibson were recently initiated into the Tau Gamma Delta Honorary Journalistic Fraternity. Brother Riggle served as Buisness Manager of the student weekly for the past year. Brother Gibson has served for the past three years on the asme publication, and is this year Athletic Editor of the Annual which is published each year by the Junior Class.

Brothers Daniel W. Fegert and Paul D. Montgomery were recently initiated into the Lambda Alpha Chapter. Brother Fegert, whose home is in Chicago, Illinois, came to us this year from the University of West Virginia. Brother Montgomery's home is in



New Castle, Pennsylvania. He spent last year at Allegheny College.

The newly elected officers of Lambda Alpha Chapter are:

|                  |           |                 |
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| Thomas H. Gibson | . . . . . | <i>Master</i>   |
| Walter Wilkison  | . . . . . | <i>Marshal</i>  |
| Charles Houston  | . . . . . | <i>Scribe</i>   |
| Jack Boyles      | . . . . . | <i>Recorder</i> |
| Frank Moretti    | . . . . . | <i>Herald</i>   |
| Wesley Rose      | . . . . . | <i>Chaplain</i> |

Lambda Alpha Chapter initiated six new members from the freshman delegation. These men have been pledges to the fraternity for a semester, and are as follows: George Dixon, East Palestine, Ohio; Paul Gibson, New Kensington, Pa.; Edward Jones, New Castle, Pa.; David Connery, New Castle, Pa.; Glen Hoelzle, Sharon, Pa.; Francis Kissinger, New Castle, Pa.

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### Beta Beta

No letter received.

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Policeman (to disturbing banjoist): "Young man, you must accompany me."

Stude: "Awright offisher, what'll ya shing?"

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He: "My heart is on fire with love for you. My very soul is aflame."

She: "Never mind, father will put you out."

## Alumni Notes

M. D. Engelhart, Delta Alpha, '23, is with the International Lead Refining Company, East Chicago, Indiana, doing laboratory control testing and research on white lead. The OMEGAN is indebted to him for the design of two department headings published in this issue.

E. S. Tuthill, Gamma Alpha, '23, is in the brokerage business in Jersey City. He contributed the editorial on "Alumni Influence" in the March issue of the OMEGAN.



F. K. HOWE

Fred K. Howe, Delta Alpha, '23, who is getting to be almost as much of a nomad as your editor, when last seen had just removed his family to Paterson, N. J., where he is connected with the North Jersey District Water Supply Commission.

Samuel A. Pleasants, Gamma Beta, is a member of the law firm of Marvin and Pleasants, 150 Broadway, New York.

Carl A. Claus, Gamma Alpha, and Miss Elizabeth Schlect were married on March 21, 1925.

L. E. Damhoff, Delta Alpha, '24, announces the arrival of Marion Olga on April 2, weight 6 pounds, 14 ounces. Too bad it's the wrong kind for a future T. U. O.

Dr. Thomas E. Oliver, Delta Alpha, is planning to spend the summer with his family at their cottage on Lake Hamlin, near Ludington, Mich. Any T. U. O.s happening around that way are invited to drop in.

Brother E. Weide, Lambda Alpha, '23, recently received his Master's degree from Oberlin University and is now on the faculty of the Chemistry Department at Johns Hopkins University.

John C. Gilbert, Beta Alpha, and Miss Ruth Vierene Gobie were married recently at Bigelow Falls, Vermont.

Carl F. Morehead, Delta Alpha, '23, has announced his engagement to Miss Margaret Miliken, '25, of Walnut, Illinois.

C. F. Pray and R. C. Champney paid a visit to their old stamping grounds at the Beta Alpha House on Sunday, March 15.

Wesley Shand, Theta Alpha, '23, has announced his engagement to Miss Catharine DeMerritt.

Leslie M. Steele, Gamma Alpha, is the proud father of a baby daughter.

John A. Wilson, Gamma Alpha, was recently married to Miss Anne Westervelt.

Paul Krows, Delta Alpha, '23, who is teaching school in Albion, Illinois, has been very critically ill with an attack of the mumps, but is now considerably improved.

H. T. Rockwell, Zeta Alpha, '24, recently took up the position of Sports Editor for the *Elmira Gazette*, Elmira, N. Y. He was previously on the staff of the *Harrisburg Patriot*.

Thanks are due Brother C. R. Drenk for his article on "Teaching Manners" published elsewhere in this issue.

R. J. Young, Zeta Alpha, '24, is now attending Susquehanna University at Selinsgrove, Pennsylvania.

G. W. Long, Zeta Alpha, '24, is a member of the faculty of the high school at Dover, Delaware.

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Skinney Actress (angrily to stage hand): "Sir! Remember I'm the star."

Stage Hand: "Wouldn't it be better if you were a little meteor?"

## Collegiate and Fraternal

Speaking before the Founders' Day banquet of the Chicago Graduate Chapter of Tau Kappa Epsilon, Frank J. Durham, inspector for the Chicago district of Sigma Nu fraternity, said that scholarship, prompt payment of bills, morale, and enthusiasm were four of the most vital factors in the welfare of a fraternity.

Zeta Chapter of Tau Kappa Epsilon, at Iowa, celebrated Founders' Day in a unique manner. Instead of the usual banquet, they cleaned their house from top to bottom, repainting and papering the study rooms. At the same time, the chapter officers went over the books and put the fraternity's financial affairs on a firm accounting basis, starting proceedings against all in arrears.

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The *Yale News* recently announced its platform on a variety of subjects. That on fraternities follows:

"No more fraternities should be introduced into Yale College until normal rather than artificial equilibrium be established among those already existing. It favors open houses to the end that more general pleasure and enjoyment be had from the large amount of money which must be spent on fraternity buildings in the near future. The spirit of existing interfraternity agreement must remain unimpaired; Yale College would suffer immeasurably from the magnified inter-fraternity competition and consequent exaggeration of fraternity importance."

—*New York Herald-Tribune.*

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The University of Illinois and the University of Notre Dame have recently accepted gifts of \$100,000 each for the construction of radio broadcasting stations. The gifts were made by Boetius H. Sullivan in memory of his father, Roger C. Sullivan. Work on the construction of the stations is to begin at once. The call letters WILL have been requested by the University of Illinois, and WUND by Notre Dame.

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In a recent survey of the universities and colleges in the United States made by the *Boston Transcript*, the University of California

was found to be the largest institution with an enrollment of 15,337 students. New York University was second with 14,496 students, and the University of Illinois third with 10,089, according to the survey.

Illinois probably has the largest number of students on one campus. The University of California is separated into two sections, one campus being at Berkeley and the other at Los Angeles. New York University is scattered in various parts of New York City.

The University of Pennsylvania ranks fourth in size and the University of Minnesota, Columbia, and Ohio State come in the order named.—*Daily Illini*.

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The first national sorority was recently established at Westminster when Pi Theta Pi went Chi Omega. Kappa Beta Pi, legal sorority, was installed at the University of Illinois late last month.

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There are only forty dishonest millionaires out of 4,043 in the United States, Dr. Russell H. Conwell, president of Temple University, Philadelphia, told the convention of executives of the J. C. Penny Company at Atlantic City recently.

“It is of these forty,” he said, “that you are always hearing. They are always in the newspapers. By far, the majority of the rich men whose lives I have investigated are honest and have got their wealth honestly; 3,780 of them were poor boys to begin and did not have a dollar.”—*New York Herald Tribune*.

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For those who love statistics:

The American college fraternity is nearly 175 years old and has initiated nearly 750,000 members, of whom about 600,000 are living. It comprises 200 separate societies with 4,650 chapters in nearly 675 colleges. Of these, about 1,000 chapters represent the fifty or more honorary societies which do little in the way of maintaining rooms and houses. Of the remaining 3,500 chapters of 150 fraternities, about 2,600 occupy chapter homes, including about 1,200 houses owned by their occupants, costing approximately \$21,000,000. About 1,500 are leased and have been furnished at an aggregate cost of \$3,000,000.—*New York Times*.



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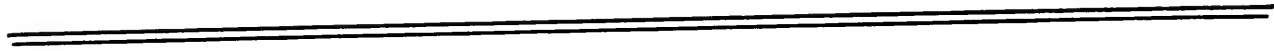
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